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## WAXMAN ANNOUNCES NATIONAL REHABILITATION MONTH

Congressman Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) has co-sponsored legislation urging all citizens to participate in "National Rehabilitation Month" in September. According to Waxman, the purpose of this special month is to "increase public awareness of both the problems of the handicapped and the fantastic breakthroughs that have been made towards solving these problems".

Experts estimate that approximately thirty-six million Americans are disabled to a greater or lesser degree. According to Waxman too few people appreciate the full potential of the handicapped.

"The vast majority of disabled people can lead reasonably normal lives. Unfortunately, handicapped people frequently still are discriminated against when seeking jobs or attempting to use public facilities."

"National Rehabilitation Month is a time for schools, the mass media and private individuals to focus attention on the great progress being made in the rehabilitation field and the substantial work that still remains to be done."

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